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The soft, enchanting fetters of the mind,
And other Cæsars rose. Determined, hold
Your independence; for that, once destroyed,
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That flits aerial from the spreading eye.—THOMSON.

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PREFACE.

"There is no man but God hath put many excellent things in his possession to be used, improved, and managed by him for the common good and interest; for men are made for Society and mutual fellowship. We are not born for ourselves alone, but every man has some right and interest in us, and no man can live happily in this world exempted or privileged from being, in his place, some way beneficial and useful."—DR. CALAMY'S SERMONS.

IN AUGUST, 1831. Fifty years ago, the last preface to the General Laws was written. It was then that the Order was founded under the name of the "Ancient Order of Foresters," with a wide and liberal constitution which has stood the test of half a century without having undergone any material organic change, and during that long period of years has been especially free from secessions to form other Societies. In contrast of this, the "Ancient Order of Royal Foresters," of which our Order was an outcome, has long since ceased to exist—only a few isolated Courts of the original body being found in secluded parts of the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. For this favorable position, due credit must be given to the early and earnest workers in the cause for their judgement and foresight in laying the foundations of the Order's Constitution upon broad, just and catholic principles—so essential to the good working of a common Fraternity composed of persons of all religious creeds and political opinions.

In the long interval of time above referred to, the progress and spread of the Order has been most remarkable. It now comprises considerably more than half a million of benefit Members, and has Courts established over nearly the whole of the United Kingdom, in most of the British Colonies, and in Foreign Countries. The Order, like a happy and prosperous State, is indebted for much of its success to the wise and salutary Laws under which it has been governed and regulated. In this respect it has been singularly successful in its enactments at various stages of its existence, to meet the varying requirements of a growing Fraternity.

The Subsidiary High Court for the Dominion of Canada was organized October 24th 1831, in accordance with a resolution passed at the High Court meeting of the Order on Wednesday, August 3rd, 1831, in the ancient Borough of Northampton, England.

Much might be said upon the advantages which accrue from becoming Members—suffice it to say that the Order is not an abstraction but a reality. It is a Society of men united together for the attainment of a two-fold object—moral and social; the moral standing first, as out of the moral status social consequences flow. Upon these grounds it is an essential that the members who compose the Order shall be the healthy and the honest—the temperate and the true.

The foundation of the Society—the tie that binds its members together—must necessarily be promotive of the social advantages of those within the sphere of its influence: for the object of the Order, and its immediate aim and ultimate end, are those of mutual and social assistance.

It is scarcely possible for a man to be a member of an Order, confederated together for these praiseworthy purposes, without deriving for himself individual advantages; not merely of a pecuniary kind, when sickness requires the aid of the Funds to which he has contributed, but also of a moral and intellectual nature. To cultivate our kindly sympathies, to inculcate brotherly love, and render it a rule of life to foster feelings of commiseration for all suffering from affliction or in distress, and to develop the principle of charity in all the relationships of life must be accordant with and promotive of the highest morality. He, who as a member, learns his lesson aright, and allows the principles on which it is based to have their legitimate influence on his conduct and actions, cannot but be elevated both in a social and moral sense, above those

who neglect the opportunities for mutual aid within their reach and who live as if man was created for *himself* alone. The lessons of mutual regard and of social aid which contact with the Order cannot but teach, must of necessity render the recipient a better husband, a more intelligent and kindly father, and a more enlightened and useful citizen. The practice of Benevolence can never be promotive of cruelty. The practical inculcation of Charity can never lead to illiberality of soul. Geniality and kindness in our Court-rooms cannot degenerate into brutality at home; and the nature which is formed by association and precept to sympathize with suffering and distress, can never take delight in, or become the cause of pain and anguish to those whom it is a privilege to protect, and a duty to succor and aid. The social advantages, therefore, of the Order, and such practical teaching of duty, must manifest themselves throughout all the ramifications of life. The man who has served in the Court-room will know the virtue of obedience to lawful and kindly command, and make a better servant outside, than he who obeys blindly, and renders service unintelligently; and the man who has exercised authority in the Court, called to the place of honor and power by the free choice of his brethren, will not be the less qualified for positions of responsibility over his fellow-men in the outer world.

Forestry, therefore, from the very nature of its constitution, its objects, its duties, and its responsibilities, must encourage the moral, social, and intellectual interests of those connected with the Order; and it becomes a sacred duty upon all who have its honor in their keeping, to guard that honor with a jealous care, and to be mindful that it receives no tarnish from their actions as Foresters in the Court-room, or from their actions as individuals moving in general society.

The Ancient Order of Foresters having taken high rank as one of the leading Friendly Societies of the world, is especially commendable to the provident and intelligent workmen of our country, who, by enrolling themselves under its expressive watchword, can exercise the gift of self-government and of spontaneous social activity of which all citizens of the Dominion are naturally and justly proud, as the birthright of a free people and the best security of its liberties. Of the importance of Friendly Societies generally, we cannot conclude this Preface more appropriately than in the words of one of our great living statesmen, who in an utterance at a Friendly Society gathering, said:

"I attach value to these Societies because they are so thoroughly and absolutely spontaneous. They represent the character of the people, and in one of its best and most pleasing aspects. I would almost say—I do not wish to use any language of flattery, or any language of exaggeration; but still I must venture to say—that, so long as Societies of this class, justly constituted and honestly worked, continue to form a broad and marked future in English society, the country is not likely to go very far or hopelessly wrong."

That the Ancient Order of Foresters, as one of the great family of Friendly Societies, may nobly do its part in the great work which lies before it, and be a power of usefulness in disseminating the benefits it has undertaken to bestow, must be the earnest prayer of every true Forester.

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COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
Stratford, September, 1884.

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"All governments and societies of men do, in the progress of long time, gather an irregularity, and wear away much of their primitive institution. And, therefore, the true wisdom of all ages hath been to review, at fit periods, those errors, defects and excesses that have insensibly crept into the public administration; to brush the dust off the wheels, and oil them again; or, if it be found advisable, to choose a set of new ones. And this reformation is most easily, and with the least disturbance, to be effected by society itself, no single man being forbidden by any magistrate to mend his own manners, and, much more, all societies having the liberty to bring themselves within compass."—ANDREW MARVEL.

ARTICLE I.

SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT POWERS.

SEC. 1.—The Subsidiary High Court is the source of all legitimate authority of the Ancient Order of Foresters, in the Dominion of Canada. It possesses exclusive jurisdiction and power, subject, however, to such laws as reserve certain rights to the High Court of the Order.

(a.) To establish, regulate and control the forms, ceremonies, written and unwritten work and to provide for the safe keeping and uniform teaching and dissemination of the same.

(b.) To provide and furnish all Lecture Books, Dispensations, Emblems Certificates, Clearances, and such other goods or paraphernalia as may be necessary for the uniform working of the Order.

(c.) To provide for the distribution of all passwords, and regulate the mode and manner of using the same, and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to secure the safe and easy intercourse and identification of the brethren.

(d.) To establish the Order in the Dominion of Canada, where the same has not been instituted.

(e.) To provide a revenue, by means of a per capita tax on each Subordinate Court, and charges for supplies furnished.

(f.) To provide for annual and other returns from each Subordinate Court under its jurisdiction.

(g.) To hear and determine through its final arbitrators all appeals from Subordinate Courts, in accordance with the regulations of the Order.

(h.) To enact laws and regulations of general application to carry into effect the foregoing, and all other powers reserved by these laws, to the Subsidiary High Court or its Executive Council, and such as may be necessary to enforce its legitimate authority over Subordinate Courts under its jurisdiction.

(i.) To grant commissions to D.C.R.'s; to define the Territorial extent of their jurisdiction; to grant dispensations to Subordinate Courts not within the territorial jurisdiction of any District, and to provide a constitution for each Subordinate Court.

SEC. 2.—All laws and alterations in laws, made at the High Court meeting of each year, shall come into effect on the 1st October following, and other resolutions of the Subsidiary High Court not intended to be em-

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bolied as laws shall be binding at the conclusion of the sittings of the Subsidiary High Court, unless otherwise ordered by the meeting.

ARTICLE II.

HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1.—The Subsidiary High Court shall consist of :

Subsidiary High Chief Ranger,	"	"	Sub Chief Ranger,
"	"	"	Court Treasurer,
"	"	"	Secretary,
"	"	"	Senior Woodward,
"	"	"	Junior Woodward,
"	"	"	Senior Beadle,
"	"	"	Junior Beadle,

and delegates from the various Courts, who shall be elected at a summoned meeting. All High Court officers and delegates to the High Court to be financial members of twelve months' standing, except in case of new Courts. All courts within a radius of 600 miles from the place where the S. H. C. is held for the time being to have the right to send one delegate, and any Court having 300 members to have the right to send two delegates to each S. H. C. meeting. Courts outside a radius of 600 miles from the place where the S.H.C. is being held may be represented by district delegate, whose expenses shall be paid by the S.H.C. The credentials of delegates must be signed by the Chief Ranger, Sub Chief Ranger and Secretary, and seal affixed, and no person shall be eligible as a delegate unless he is a financial member of the Court or district he represents. Each delegate shall personally present his credentials to the S.H.C. R. by two o'clock on the first day's meeting or be fined one dollar.

SEC. 2.—Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only in determining any question before the S.H.C.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1.—The Subsidiary High Court officers shall be elected biennially by ballot, and the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case of a tie the voting shall continue until a choice is made, the name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes at each balloting shall be withdrawn.

SEC. 2.—The E. C. shall be chosen from the Courts forming the District in which the S.H.C. for the time being is to be held. That on the first meeting in March each Court shall make their nominations of not more than one member for each office; the Secretary to send the results to the D.C.R., who, with the Court Secretary nearest to his place of residence, shall be the scrutineers, who will send the collective result to the Courts in the District. In the event of any nominee not having a majority of votes, the Courts will again vote and send the result as before, the same to be re-

peated until some nominee to each has a majority of votes. The voting in Courts in all cases to be at a summoned meeting, and to be by ballot.

SEC. 3.—In the event of a vacancy taking place in the E.C. for the time being, by the death, suspension, expulsion or resignation of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall be filled up by the other members of the E.C. present at a meeting of the E.C., specially called for the purpose. The person chosen to fill the vacancy being a resident of the District where the E.C. may be located and otherwise duly qualified.

SEC. 4.—The newly elected H.C.R., Treasurer and Secretary, to attend the S.H.C. for installation the remaining members of the E.C. to be installed by the H.C.R. at the first convened meeting of the E.C.

ARTICLE IV.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SEC. 1.—The officers of the S.H.C., for the time being, shall constitute the Executive Council, whose duty it shall be to enforce the laws of the Order, and shall have authority, by a two-thirds vote, to suspend from the Order any member or Court that may wilfully violate or refuse compliance with such laws or any regulations made and adopted by the said S.H.C., but the accused shall in all cases have a hearing in their cause, why he or they should not be suspended, receiving at least 21 days' notice of the time and place of such hearing. Suspension of a member shall also suspend him from all benefits of the Court to which he belongs; in case of a Court being suspended it shall be suspended from all benefits, and for such length of time as they refuse to comply with said laws and regulations, and until he or they be reinstated by the E.C., and the further duty of the E.C. shall be the granting of Dispensations to Courts, the sale of books, laws, clearances, certificates and such other goods appertaining to the Order as may be sanctioned by the S.H.C.; and the E.C. shall transmit to Courts duly entitled to receive them, the quarterly password, and the annual travelling password; and shall keep a proper and correct account of the receipts and expenditure of the S.H.C. funds.

SEC. 2.—No member of the Executive Council shall be allowed, directly or indirectly, to estimate for or supply any goods required by the E.C., for the purpose of the Order, or be elected on any committee during the time he may hold office as one of the said E.C.

SEC. 3.—That all accounts owing by Courts to the E.C. shall be paid within thirty days after the end of each quarter; any Court not complying with this law shall be fined a sum not exceeding three dollars, except in cases of new Courts which have not been established twelve months.

SEC. 4.—The profit on all goods and merchandise, except Dispensations, sold by the E.C., shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the selling price.

SEC. 5.—The E.C. shall hold its meetings monthly and oftner if necessary, for transaction of business, at such time as may be most convenient.

SEC. 6. The income and the expenditure of the E.C. shall be printed in the annual reports, which shall be issued within one month after the close of the S. H. C. meeting, and said reports shall be sold to members of the

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Order at 10c a copy. Each Subordinate Court shall be required to purchase a copy of each of the reports, for each and every officer thereof. All orders for extra copies of the reports must be sent to the E. C. at least one month previous to date of issue.

SEC. 7.—All decisions made by the E. C. shall be published in the next succeeding reports.

ARTICLE V.

SESSIONS.

SEC. 1.—The S. H. C. shall assemble biennially on the 4th Tuesday of August, at such place as the S. H. C. may at each preceding session determine, and adjourn its sittings from day to day until all business to be brought before it shall have been disposed of.

SEC. 2.—No delegate shall be allowed to leave the S. H. C. previous to the conclusion of its sitting, unless he has first procured sanction of the meeting to do so. Any delegate being absent without leave at roll-call shall be fined 25 cents, to be inflicted by the presiding officer, and paid to the S. H. C. Fund, the roll to be called at the commencement and close of the session.

SEC. 3.—The S. H. C. shall not meet in one city, town or village oftener than once in five years.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—The following Committees shall be appointed at each S. H. C. meeting :

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

- " Finance.
- " Printing.
- " State of the Order.
- " Mileage and Per Diem.
- " Appeals.
- " Endowment.
- " Law and Judiciary.

And such other Committees as the necessities of the work shall require.

Each of the above Committees shall consist of five members.

And that three be a quorum.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The S. H. C. Ranger shall preside at all the meetings of the S. H. C. and the E. C., maintain due order and decorum, see that all laws are properly administered, inflict all fines for violations of these laws, sign all drafts for the payment of moneys and all documents required to be signed by him pursuant to law. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Subsidiary High Court is equally divided, except in case of a ballot. His decision upon all doubtful questions that may arise in Subordinate Courts and

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Districts, and generally upon all questions that have not been clearly defined in the General Laws shall stand at the decision of the High Court, until reversed or altered by the High Court. The H.C.R. shall report all decisions to the High Court at its annual meeting, when they shall be referred to the proper Committees, who shall report at the same session of the High Court.

SEC. 2.—That the duties of the Subsidiary High Court Sub Ranger be defined as follows: The H.S.C.R. shall assist the H.C.R. in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the H.C.R. shall preside and perform all other duties pertaining to that office.

SEC. 3.—The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep all books of the S. H.C., make the annual and other returns to the Permanent Secretary of the Order, and attend to the general business connected with the E.C. and S.H.C., conduct all correspondence, issue all notices, and return sheets, keep faithful and correct books of account in relation to the endowment fund, prepare the financial and general statements for the annual reports, and generally perform all the duties appertaining to the S.H.C. and the office of Secretary as now provided by General Law, and as may from time to time be provided. He shall give security in the sum of \$1,500 for the faithful performance of his duties, by giving a "bond signed by two or more persons, to the satisfaction of the S.H.C. Trustees."

SEC. 4.—He shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of seven cents per member per annum, which may be increased by the S.H.C. meeting from time to time as circumstances and the growth of the order may justify.

SEC. 5.—The Secretary shall, at each meeting of the E.C., transfer all post office orders, cheques, drafts, postage stamps and cash received on account of the order to the S.H.C. Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor. He shall be fined \$5 for each and every neglect of duty. He shall likewise be liable to removal for inefficiency, wilful neglect or misconduct.

SEC. 6.—The expense of removing the goods and effects of the Order shall be defrayed by the S. H. C.

ARTICLE VIII.

SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT TREASURER.

SEC. 1.—The funds of the S.H.C. shall be placed in the hands of the S.H.C. Treasurer, who shall give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond may be a policy in a Guarantee Insurance Company for the sum of \$2,000, the expense of which shall be borne by the High Court. He shall not hold more than \$1,500 in his hands at one time.

SEC. 2.—No money shall be drawn from the S.H.C. Treasurer except by order of the S.H.C. meeting or the Executive Council, and by order signed by the S.H.C. Ranger, and countersigned by the S.H.C. Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1.—There shall be three Trustees of the S.H.C. elected at each

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session thereof, who shall be responsible for all funds of the S.H.C., and in whose names the bonds of the Treasurer and Secretary shall be given, and they shall invest, subject to the approval of the E. C., the surplus funds of the Court. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury or Bank by the Trustees unless by a special order of a S.H.C. meeting, or the E. C. duly signed, countersigned and sealed.

ARTICLE X.

AUDITORS.

Three Auditors shall be elected at each meeting of the S.H.C. who shall audit the books annually and present a statement of the financial condition of the Subsidiary High Court. They shall receive for their services \$2 per day for the time they are actually employed at the audit, besides mileage, and hotel expenses at the rate of \$1 per day.

ARTICLE XI.

SEALS.

Each Subordinate Court shall have its own private seal, with the number of the Court, and the name of the town where it is held, and no communication from a Court shall be acknowledged, which has not the impression of the seal upon it. For the purpose of uniformity all Court seals shall be procured through the E. C.

ARTICLE XII.

FINAL ARBITRATORS.

SEC. 1.—The S.H.C. shall at each meeting appoint a financial member from each District; such members to be final arbitrators. No one shall be eligible who has not held office in his District or as Chief Ranger or Secretary of a Court, or served on the E. C. Vacancies through death, suspension, or resignation of an arbitrator shall be filled up by the E. C. for the remainder of the term. In the event of any appeal, charge or complaint, pursuant to the second section of this law, being duly notified to the E. C., and a deposit of \$10 paid, they shall appoint five arbitrators from the list of names appointed, such members to form an Arbitration Committee, to hear and decide finally upon the case. The Council shall select a place most convenient for such charge, complaint, or appeal to be heard, and shall give 14 clear days' notice to the committee to sit and adjudicate upon the case, and also to the plaintiff and defendant to appear before the committee. A copy of the appeal, charge or complaint to be served with each notice. Each party may be allowed two persons to assist him in conducting his case, provided such members are financial members of the order. Should any of the Arbitration Committee so summoned be unable to act through death, sickness, suspension, or expulsion, or any other cause, another Arbitrator shall be appointed by the E. C. to fill up such vacancy. The committee shall be paid railway fare to and from their place of abode, to the place selected for the hearing of the case, and a sum of two dollars each for each day's time occupied in travelling and hearing the case. The E. C. to pay all expenses.

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SEC. 2.—The functions of the Final Arbitrators shall be to hear and decide finally upon any dispute, complaint, or appeal between members of Courts of one District and another member or Court in another District; any charge, complaint, or appeal by a member or Court against any act of a District done by its officer under the Rules and Regulations of the Order; any appeal by a court or member, or person claiming on account of a member, against the decision or resolution of a District Arbitration Committee or of a District meeting; and any appeal by one District against the decision or act of another District, and such other matters as may be properly referred to it.

SEC. 3.—No charge, appeal, dispute, claim, or complaint shall be heard by the Final Arbitrators, unless notice of the same has been given to the E.C. within three months of the date of the grievance, complaint or decision appealed against, nor unless a deposit of ten dollars shall have been made by the plaintiff, towards the payment of any costs or fine which may be adjudged against him.

SEC. 4.—The final arbitrators shall have power to confirm, rescind, or alter any decision or resolution appealed against, and to levy a fine not exceeding ten dollars for non-appearance of the appellant, and to give judgment for costs for witness and other expenses of the Committee. All decisions of the Final Arbitrators to be conclusive and binding upon all parties without power of further appeal, and the said Final Arbitrators shall have power to call for all papers or documents relative to the case or cases under consideration, should the same in opinion of the said Arbitrators become necessary.

ARTICLE XIII.

RETURNS TO THE SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT.

SEC. 1.—The Secretary of every Subordinate Court, shall, up to the 1st of January, in each year, make a return to the E. C., upon a form supplied for that purpose, such information as may be required for the purpose of the Order.

SEC. 2.—Any Subordinate Court knowingly making an incorrect return, or neglecting to transmit it to the E. C., by the 21st day of January following, shall be fined one dollar, to be paid to the S.H.C. and, such fine to be paid within three months after infliction. The Court to be suspended until the fine is paid and the return made.

ARTICLE XIV.

TERRITORIAL DISTRICTS.

SEC. 1.—That a District shall be constituted of one or more Courts under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C.

SEC. 2.—At the H.C.M. of each year a D.C.R. shall be appointed who shall be a resident member of the District over which he has to preside and be recommended by the delegates from that District, whose duties it shall be to open new Courts in his District when instructed so to do by the E. C.; to preside over all meetings of the District Arbitration Committee, to have a general oversight of the Courts in his District; to report any

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irregularity or violation of Law, and attend to any matters when instructed by the E. C. He shall be paid at the rate of \$2 per diem and travelling expenses when employed in carrying out the instructions of the E. C. All questions from Courts in reference to matters concerning the Order, shall first be referred to the D.C.R. for his decision. Should any financial member of the Order have an opportunity of obtaining a sufficient number of members to form a new Court, to the satisfaction of the E.C. and the D.C.R., he shall be paid the sum of \$3 for his services. A D.S.C.R. shall also be appointed whose duty shall be to preside at meetings of Arbitration Committee when the D.C.R. is unable to attend through sickness or other causes or when the D.C.R. is interested in any case to be investigated. The D.C.R. and D.S.C.R. shall not be members of the same Court.

SEC. 3.—An Arbitration and Appeal Committee, consisting of eight contributing members, to be selected from each and every Court in a District in equal numbers, where practicable, shall be appointed at each S.H. C. meeting. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee through death, suspension or expulsion, or removal from the Dominion, shall be filled up by the Court from which such ex-member belonged. The D.C.R. shall preside over all sittings of the Committee, but shall have no vote, except the casting vote when necessary. Should the D.C.R. be interested in any case as plaintiff, appellant, defendant or witness, the D.S.C.R. shall preside, and he shall only have a casting vote when necessary. That no case be adjudicated upon unless a quorum of five members are present, nor unless fourteen clear days' notice of the time of hearing has been served in writing by the D.C.R., or under his order, upon the Secretary of the Court to which plaintiff or defendant may belong.

SEC. 4.—That the functions of this Committee shall be to hear and decide upon the following cases: 1st. Any dispute, charge, or complaint, in respect of some matter or thing only connected with the Order, between a member, officer, or Court, against any member, officer, or Court of the same district. 2nd. Any charge made by an officer of the District against any Court or its members, or officer in the same District, for violation of the rules of the Court or General Laws, where such violation of Rules or Laws incurs penalties of suspension, expulsion, a fine exceeding \$1, the return of general money improperly obtained, or other penalty not within the summary jurisdiction of the District officer. 3rd. Any appeal by a member or Court against the decision or Act of a Court or Court Committee of a District; any appeal or claim by any person on behalf of a member or member's widow or next of kin against a Court or the District Officer for the withholding of a member's funeral allowance; any appeal against any fine or penalty, or any act of the District officer done on his own authority, and not under a resolution of the E.C. 4th. Any false rumor which may be circulated by a member to the detriment or injury of the character or business of a member of his own or any other Court. 5th. Divulging the business transacted in any Court or Committee to any person other than a member of the Order.

SEC. 5.—That every member, officer, Court, or person on behalf of a member's widow or next of kin, making a charge, complaint, claim, or

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appeal, as above, shall give notice of the same in writing, to the District C.R., within three calendar months of the discovery of the alleged offence, or date of the act appealed against, or such charge, complaint, claim, or appeal shall not be entertained, nor unless the claimant, complainant, or appellant makes a deposit of \$5 towards any fine or expenses that the committee in their verdict may record against them. A copy of the charge, complaint, claim or appeal, duly signed by the District C.R., shall be served upon the Secretary of the Court to which defendant belongs, at least fourteen clear days previous to the date upon which the Committee are summoned to sit. The said deposit to be forfeited to the S.H.C. Management Fund if the complainant or appellant wilfully neglect to appear, or if the charge, complaint, claim, or appeal, be proved frivolous or vexatious. If the defendant neglects to appear, judgment shall be recorded against him by default and the Committee shall be empowered to fine him any sum not exceeding \$15 for such neglect, if not caused by illness, duly certified.

SEC. 8.—That this Committee shall have power to refer a case back to the Court or Court Committee for a decision upon its merits, in the event of any informality having prevented it being tried, and that this Committee shall have power to confirm, rescind, or alter any decision which may be appealed against, and to inflict fines for the violation of the Rules and Laws, and to charge the plaintiff or defendant with the whole or any part of the expenses of the Committee, or of witnesses in a case. The expense necessary for conducting the case shall be provided by the S. H. C. who shall charge the same to the plaintiff or defendant, and that the District Arbitration Committee shall not be called out unless the necessary expenses have been guaranteed by the plaintiff or defendant to the satisfaction of the D. C. R. Territorial Districts to be as follows (subject to additions):

Middlesex and Elgin District—London, London East, London West, London South, and St. Thomas.

Oxford District—Woodstock and Ingersoll.

Wentworth District—Hamilton and Dundas.

Perth and Huron District—Stratford, St. Marys, Mitchell, Seaforth, and Mt. Forest.

Durham and Ontario District—Oshawa and Bowmanville.

York District—Toronto, Parkdale, and Woodbridge.

Gray and Simcoe District—Meaford, Owen Sound, and Barrie.

Kent District—Chatham and Buckhorn.

Hochelega District—Montreal.

Waterloo and Wellington District—Galt, Guelph, Preston, and Hillsburg.

Lambton District—Point Edward and Sarnia.

Essex District—Windsor.

Brant District—Brantford and Paris.

Bruce District—Kincardine.

Saskatchewan District—Winnipeg.

Carleton District—Ottawa.

Lincoln District—Niagara Falls.

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ARTICLE XV.

SUBORDINATE COURTS.

SEC. 1.—Subordinate Courts exist by Dispensation issued by the E.C. of the Order through the S.H.C.

SEC. 2.—A Court shall consist of not less than nine members, and shall hold stated meetings at least monthly. Not less than five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including one qualified to preside; and if only five members are present no appropriation of money shall be made unless by unanimous consent.

SEC. 3.—The officers of a Subordinate Court shall be as provided in the Ritual of the Order. The officers shall be elected on the last meeting night in June and December of each year and installed on the first meeting night in July and January. Any officer the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings may be declared vacant by a vote of the court, on motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given to the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election as provided, and members so elected shall be entitled to the privileges of the office provided they complete the term, no member shall be eligible to fill the office of Chief Ranger who has not filled a subordinate office for the full term of six months, either in his own or any other Court; nor shall any member be eligible to fill any office who is not financial; and no member shall be allowed to take office on the night of his initiation or on the night of depositing his clearance, except such member is initiated on the opening of a new Court, when he may have the privilege of being elected as Chief Ranger as well as any other office in such newly opened Court. The service in the office of Chief Ranger by a new member appointed upon the opening of a new Court shall also give a qualification to occupy any superior office in the District, or the S.H.C.

SEC. 4.—No person shall be initiated into any Court who is under eighteen years of age or over forty-five years (except as an honorary member), nor unless he be of good moral character, sound in health, and free from disease, that no person be admitted a member of the Order who is deaf and dumb, partially paralyzed, or who has lost the use of a foot or hand, or sight of an eye, or who is suffering from a rupture (except as an honorary member). Any member knowingly proposing or seconding a candidate contrary to this law shall be fined \$5, to be paid to the S.H.C. fund. Any respectable person be allowed to become an honorary member if of the age of 18 years, by paying not less than \$5 to the Management Fund. He shall have no claim on the funds of the Court or Order, or hold any office except that of Treasurer or Trustee to a subordinate Court (which, however, shall not render him eligible to hold any office of honor), and he shall not be allowed to vote upon any question affecting the Sick and Funeral Funds. Any financial member may become an honorary member of his own Court by giving notice at a previous regular Court meeting, by paying all contributions, arrears, fines (if any), and by a proposition being duly made and carried and paying a transfer fee of one dollar to the Manage-

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SEC. 5.—Any member who has lost a leg, arm, or an eye during the time he was a member of the Society, and who may have been expelled or suspended twelve months, may, if under 45 years of age, upon the production of a medical certificate, and with the sanction of the E.C. be permitted to join any Court as a new member.

SEC. 6.—Should a Juvenile Forester lose a leg, arm, or an eye during the time he belongs to a Juvenile Foresters' Society, he shall be eligible to join any Court of the Order that is willing to accept him.

SEC. 7.—Applications for initiation must be signed by the petitioner, stating his age, residence and occupation, and endorsed by two members in good standing, who are members of the Court he desires to enter. Such application must be entered in the minutes, and the petition referred to a committee of three for investigation (neither of whom shall have recommended him), whose duty it shall be to report on the character and qualification of the petitioner. At the next regular meeting the proposer or seconder of the applicant shall produce a medical certificate of health, and, if approved by the Court he shall be balloted for by secret ball ballot, and if three or more black balls appear in the ballot the candidate shall be rejected, and if approved may be admitted on the following Court night. When a candidate has been rejected he shall not be again proposed in any Court until the expiration of six months from date of rejection.

SEC. 8.—Any Subordinate Court may receive clearances from the date of opening, and may grant clearances one year from the date of opening.

SEC. 9.—Every Court shall appoint, if possible, a legally registered medical practitioner, in actual practice, for the examination of candidates and attendance on sick members.

SEC. 10.—Should a member of the Order when residing at a distance of five miles or upwards from his Court fall sick, he shall send a certificate from some qualified medical practitioner, magistrate or clergyman to the Secretary of his Court, who shall request any Court of the Order (provided that there is a Court near the sick member) to visit and pay the sick member his sick pay, and failing to do so, the Court being satisfied that the member is a financial member of the Order, may pay the member's sick allowance for two weeks, which amount shall be repaid by the Court to

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which the member belongs, but no Court to pay more than two week's sick pay without an authority to do so. Any Court giving authority to another to pay sick pay or other allowance shall re-pay the same along with the amount paid previous to receiving such authority if correct within one month after demand has been made for the same, or be fined one dollar; such fine to be paid to the Court which has paid the allowance. If the Court to which the member belongs has been suspended, expelled, or broken up the S.H.C. shall pay the amount from the S. & F. Fund. A fresh authority to pay shall be required in all cases of sickness which may occur after a member has been declared off the funds and a settlement made with the Court for sick pay advanced. Should a member reside at a distance of three miles or more from his Court, and desires the assistance of a medical officer of a Court in the neighborhood, he shall be allowed such privilege upon being accepted by such medical officer, and by paying the same contributions into the Court as may be paid by members thereof, during which time he shall not be compelled to pay to the medical officer of his own Court; and every member, whether he has the services of another Court Surgeon than his own or not, and who lives three miles or more from his Court-room, may be exempt from any payment of contributions to the medical officer of his Court during such time as he is living beyond the said distance.

SEC. 11.—No person shall be initiated or admitted under any pretence whatsoever unless the full initiation or admission fee shall have been paid, which shall not be less than as stated in the following graduated scale of entrance fees:

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SEC. 12.—Every Court shall adopt a graduated scale of contributions to the Sick and Funeral Fund, which shall in no case be less than the following scale, but may be increased where courts think it necessary:

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Sec. 13.—That a registration fee of one dollar be paid for every new member returned to the S.H.C., and a levy of fifty cents per member per half year for each member returned as financial upon the return sheet of the Court, such registration fee and levy to be placed to the credit of the S.H.C. Funeral Fund and paid from the S. and F. Fund of the Court. Each Court shall make a return quarterly up to the first day of January, April, July and October of the name, age, occupation, whether married or single, and date of initiation of each new made member that has been admitted during the previous quarter, likewise, the names of all members admitted by clearance, also those who have left by clearance or expulsion (the reason for expulsion to be assigned), and any who have been suspended for non-payment of contribution, and any suspended members who may have been reinstated or single members who may have been married during the quarter, such return to be sent into the S.H.C.S. within fifteen days of the end of the quarter. Any Court neglecting to comply with the above shall be fined one dollar. All members not returned by their Courts as suspended, expelled, or dead, shall be charged in all S.H.C. levies as financial members. A member shall become free and entitled to his own or wife's funeral benefit at the expiration of 12 months after his initiation, and to half the funeral benefits at the expiration of six months after his initiation, provided he be not a suspended member. All legal claims upon the S.H.C. Funeral Fund shall be presented to the S.H.C.S., accompanied with a medical certificate of death, and a statement signed by the C.R. and Secretary certifying to the deceased member's financial standing in the Court, and, if found to be in accordance with the laws, he shall issue a cheque for payment of the same. All courts having claims for reduced sick pay shall make such claim immediately after the 1st of January, April, July or October, to the S.H.C.S., when if the claim be found correct, the S.H.C.T. shall discharge the same. All documents produced to bear the Court Seal and officer's signature, and the surgeon's last certificate prior to the claim being made. Court Secretaries shall notify the S.H.C. Secretary within 14 days from the time of placing the member on the S.H.C. S. & F. Fund.

Sec. 14.—When a member becomes suspended from the benefits of his Court through non-payment of contributions, and such contributions do not exceed twelve months, he may rejoin the order as a reinstated member only, and in the same Court, in accordance with Sec. 16 of this law, but if the arrears of contributions of such suspended member exceed twelve months he shall rejoin the order as a new member only, and in any Court,

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SEC. 15.—In the event of a member being under suspension from his Court and the Order for a period of 12 calendar months through non-payment of his contributions or fines, or non-compliance with any decision, direction, or order of his Court or of the E.C., or of any Arbitration or Appeal Committee, of his Court or District or of the final Arbitration Committee he shall, at the expiration of such period of twelve months cease to be a member of the Order, but may rejoin the Order in any Court as a new member upon compliance with such decision, direction, or order to the satisfaction of the Court of which he was a member and of the E.C.

SEC. 16.—No member shall be suspended from the benefits of his Court unless notice has been sent to his last known residence by the Secretary of the time when his arrears must be paid in, and in the event of a member, who is suspended from benefits (but whose arrears do not exceed 12 calendar months), desiring to be reinstated he shall be so reinstated he shall be so reinstated upon payment of all arrears due, and if such arrears shall exceed six calendar months, he shall also produce a medical certificate that he is in sound health.

SEC. 17.—During the suspension of a member from the benefits of his Court through non-payment of his contributions, or non-compliance with any resolution or decision of his Court, or an Arbitration Committee, such member shall not be entitled to admission to his own or any Court of the Order.

SEC. 18.—Each Court shall adopt a rule clearly defining when a member shall become suspended from the benefits of his Court through non-payment of contributions, but no rule shall be adopted to allow benefits to any member who may owe six months' contributions. All fines inflicted upon a member shall be recoverable only under the General Law, and not be charged to his contributions or be mixed up with the same.

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SEC. 19.—If any member desires to sever his connection with a Court otherwise than through suspension by non-payment of his contributions, he shall be allowed to do so by serving in person, or by proxy, a written notice of withdrawal upon the C.R. at any Court meeting, such notice to be attested by a member of the Court, and to expire upon the following monthly Court meeting, up to which date all arrears must be paid; then his membership shall be recorded in the minute book as cancelled, and after which record he shall cease to have any claim upon the funds of the Court. Members who may withdraw from a Court under the notice allowed by this section shall only rejoin the Order as new members, and Section 16 of this Article shall not apply to members who give notice of withdrawal, unless they fail to pay the arrears due at the termination of the notice, and the failure to pay such arrears shall thereby cancel the notice and render a new one necessary.

SEC. 20.—The funds of all Courts shall be divided into three sections. First, Sick and Funeral; second, Management; third, Benevolent or Contingent, and these funds shall not be used for any other purpose whatever.

SEC. 21.—Each Subordinate Court shall, at its first meeting in January or as soon thereafter as possible, in each year, elect or appoint an Arbitration Committee of twelve financial members, eight of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. They shall try all cases, hear all charges and appeals impartially, and present their recommendations, securely sealed, to the Court. Should any member of the Committee become disqualified to act, the Court shall have the power to fill the vacancy at a regular meeting. Every brother or officer pretering a charge or complaint, or making an appeal as above shall give notice of the same in writing to the C.R. of the Court within three months after the discovery of the alleged offence appealed against, or such charge, complaint or appeal shall not be entertained nor unless the complainant or appellant makes a deposit of two dollars towards any fine or expense that the committee may record in their verdict against him. A copy of the charge, complaint or appeal, duly signed by the Secretary, and having the seal of the Court, shall be served upon the defendant, or at his residence, at least 14 days previous to the date upon which the committee are summoned to sit. The said deposit to be forfeited to the Court if the complainant or appellant wilfully neglect to appear, or if the charge, complaint or appeal be proved frivolous or vexatious; and if the defendant neglect to appear, unless caused by illness, duly certified, judgment shall be recorded against him by default, and the committee shall be empowered to fine him in any sum, not exceeding five dollars, for such neglect to appear, and also to charge either plaintiff or defendant with the whole or any of the expenses of the committee, or of witnesses in a case. Whether the defendant appears or not the Committee may (subject to confirmation by the Court) direct that the defendant be expelled, suspended or fined, or be fined and suspended, and that he pay the costs of the committee and witnesses. The fine to be paid to the court in all cases. The plaintiff or defendant shall have the right to appoint any member of the Order, in good standing, to appear as counsel on their behalf. The evidence shall be taken down in writing and signed by the witnesses.

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Sec. 22.—At the end of each year, if it be found that there is a balance against the fund or funds of any court, said Court shall immediately make a levy upon its members sufficient to make up any and all such deficiencies.

Sec. 23.—Should a Court wish to amalgamate with another Court, it shall be allowed to do so on receiving the sanction of the E.C., provided they transfer the whole of their funds and other property to the Court which may have agreed to receive them.

Sec. 24.—Order of Business :—

1. Opening of Court.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
4. Sick and Distressed Report.
5. Reports of Committees on Candidates.
6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Initiations.
8. Communications received.
9. Accounts.
10. Business relating to Endowment Fund.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.
14. Propositions.
15. Good and Welfare.
16. Closing Court.

Sec. 25.—That each Subordinate Court shall have the privilege of making such laws as may be deemed best for the management of its own Court; providing such are in accordance with the S.H.C. General Laws.

Sec. 26.—Each existing Court in Canada shall be required to be incorporated under the Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies not later than 1st January next; and that each new Court hereafter formed shall be required to become incorporated under the said Act within six months after receiving its dispensation.

ARTICLE XVI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Sec. 1.—The retiring Chief Ranger shall be known as the Past Chief Ranger. It shall be his duty to attend the meetings of the Court, see that the salutations are properly given, assist in the initiation of candidates according to the Ritual.

Sec. 2.—The duty of the Chief Ranger shall be to preside at all meetings of the Court and maintain order and decorum in his Court; inflict all fines for infraction or violation of all Rules and Regulations of the S.H.C. or his own Court. He shall sign all drafts for the payment of moneys, and all documents required to be signed by him pursuant to law. He shall attest the minutes of each meeting after the same shall have been confirmed, and perform such other and further duties that may be consistent with his office; and as recommended by the Ritual, General and Court Laws.

Sec. 3.—The Junior Chief Ranger shall assist the C. R. in the discharge

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of his duties, and in preserving order and decorum in the Court. He shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the C. R., and for the time being be invested with the same power and authority, and be subject to the same penalties and liabilities as though he was the C. R. He shall assist in the initiation of new members, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office, and as prescribed by the Ritual, General and Court Laws.

SEC. 4.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Court, and pay all drafts properly presented to him for payment, which shall be signed by at least the C. R. and Secretary, and the seal of the Court attached. He shall deposit the funds in such manner and give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Constitution and By-Laws of his Court shall provide. It shall be incumbent upon him to attend all meetings of the Court, and to receive from the Secretary all moneys paid to said Court, and give a receipt therefor.

SEC. 5.—The Secretary shall take note of the proceedings of each Court and Standing Committee meeting, and keep a true, correct and full record thereof in a book provided for that purpose; make out all notices, conduct correspondence, keep true and correct accounts between the Courts and its members, and S.H.C. post the members' accounts after each meeting, draw all drafts for the payment of money, and affix the seal thereto, and to all other documents requiring the impression of such seal, make all necessary returns to the S.H.C., including full quarterly returns upon a form to be supplied by the E. O. for the purpose, with the names of all expelled members with the reasons for their expulsion (such names to be published in the Annual Report together with the reasons for their expulsion), keep a full and complete record of the name, age, residence and occupation of each member of the Court, date and cause of leaving; death, and such other particulars which may be required by law, and perform such other and further duties as may be consistent with his office, and as prescribed by the General and Court Laws. He shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Court shall determine.

SEC. 6.—The Woodwards shall each visit the sick at least once in each week, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with the office, and as prescribed by the Court laws.

SEC. 7.—The Senior Beadle shall be stationed at the portal of the inner door, and his duties shall be to attend to the alarm and receive the password. When necessary the Junior Beadle to be stationed outside the portal. They shall perform such other duties as the Ritual and Laws may require.

SEC. 8.—The Trustees (neither of whom shall be Secretary nor Treasurer of the Court) shall have general supervision over the funds and properties of the Court, when not incorporated, and in conjunction with the C.R., Secretary and Treasurer, shall attend to and invest the funds of the Court in such bank or securities as the laws of the Court may provide, and the Court may determine. It shall also be incumbent upon them to from time to time see that the proper bonds are executed according to law, and that

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the surety or sureties in the said bonds named is or are of sufficient responsibility, which bond or bonds shall be retained by them, or deposited in some place of security. They shall perform such other duties as the Laws of this Court may provide or the Court may determine.

SEC. 9.—Three Auditors shall be appointed, who shall be members of the Court. They shall fully and thoroughly examine and audit the accounts of the Court half yearly, or as often as it may be deemed necessary. They shall make out a detailed report, accompanied with the result of their examination, which the chairman of such auditing committee shall read in open Court, at the meeting next succeeding the conclusion of their examination. For the purpose of enabling the said committee to fully perform their duties, all officers of the Court having under their control any books, papers, documents, monies and other effects relative to the accounts and finances of said Court, shall attend and produce the same before the said auditors at the time or times named by said auditors, and on the refusal of any officer or member to comply therewith, he shall be fined, suspended or expelled as the Court may determine.

SEC. 10.—The duty of the Medical Officer, who shall be a member of the Order, shall be to examine into the health and physical condition of all candidates for admission into the Court or the Endowment Fund, fill up the medical certificate in accordance with the prescribed laws. He shall personally attend the sick members of the Court at such time or times as the sickness may necessitate, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office, and as the laws of the Court may provide. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may be agreed upon by himself and the Court.

SEC. 11.—Courts may make such additions to this Article, and impose such further duties as may be necessary for the proper government of their Court.

SEC. 12.—Should the presiding officer, or his subordinate in any Subordinate Court in the Order vacate his chair without the consent of his assembled brethren, or should he refuse to put to vote any proposition that has been legally made, dissolve or adjourn the meeting before the business is finished, without the approval of a majority of the brethren then present, or unless in the case of a Subordinate Court the hour of closing has arrived, he shall, if the offence be not so flagrant as to justify a motion for his deposition, be fined—for the first offence, \$5.00, and for the second offence, \$10.00, and for any further offence shall be punished as the committee may determine.

SEC. 13.—Should a financial member be legally declared on the Sick Fund of his Court, and be in receipt of sick pay, the officers of the Court to which the member belongs shall deduct from the sick pay such amount as may be required from time to time to keep the member in compliance, and the officers shall be responsible for the member being kept in compliance until such time as he may be legally declared off the sick fund.

ARTICLE XVII.

CLEARANCES.

SEC. 1.—No Court shall grant a clearance unless it shall have been estab-

lished twelve months. Applications for clearances shall be made, either personally or in writing, to the Court, and a clearance shall thereupon be granted, provided the member has been initiated twelve months, is clear upon the books, is free from all charges made or pending, and there be no other valid objection. A member drawing a clearance must deposit the same in some legal Court within three months from its date.

SEC. 2. Any member drawing his clearance shall pay his dues up to date of such clearance, and the Court granting the same shall pay all lawful claims accruing within and during twelve calendar months from said date, under such rules and regulations as the Court may provide. No Court to be allowed to accept clearances from members whose age exceeds 45 years, except Courts under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C. of Canada, who may accept clearances from members under the same jurisdiction, up to 50 years of age.

SEC. 3.—Should any Court refuse to accept the clearance of a member, said member shall be allowed one calendar month from the date of such refusal, except members in a foreign country, when three months shall be allowed to return the same to his own Court, which Court shall be bound to receive the same.

SEC. 4.—Any member holding a clearance for a longer period than six months shall be suspended from the benefits of his Court, and if not returned at the end of twelve months from its date he shall only be permitted to join the Order as a new member.

SEC. 5.—When a Court under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C. of the Dominion of Canada accepts a clearance, it shall inform the Court granting such clearance of the rate at which it accepted within 30 days, or be fined \$1, to be paid to the S.H.C. fund. Should the Court from which the brother drew his clearance break up before the expiration of 12 months, then the sick pay shall be paid by the S.H.C. until the 12 months have expired.

SEC. 6.—All Courts under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C. of the Dominion of Canada shall recognize all clearances issued by the H. C. of the Order, or any S.H.C. working under the same, subject; however, to the foregoing provisions. Courts may accept clearances from any Court under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C. at the same rate of contributions as the member paid into the Court from which he drew such clearance, and any Court accepting a clearance from a Court under the jurisdiction of the S.H.C., shall not be charged registration fee for such member.

SEC. 7.—A clearance shall be renewed if lost or destroyed accidentally, upon satisfactory evidence being adduced from the holder and applicant to the Court. Any clearance may be revoked by the Court that issued it previous to being accepted by another Court, at any time for cause appearing, and when so revoked for the purpose of impeachment and trial, the person holding such clearance shall be subject to the Court so far as concerns said impeachment and trial. Refusal to comply with proper citation in this connection shall constitute contempt.

SEC. 8.—In the event of a clearance being refused to a member, it shall be in the power of the E. C. to grant such clearance upon the appli-

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cation of a Court willing to admit the member, provided the Court to which the member belongs fails in producing satisfactory reasons why the clearance is refused. Any Court neglecting to forward their reasons for refusing a clearance within one calendar month from the same being applied for by the E. C. shall be fined one dollar.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELINQUENT COURTS.

SEC. 1.—Any Subordinate Court may be suspended or dissolved, and its dispensation, seal, and lecture books forfeited to the S.H.C. for the following causes: 1st. For improper conduct. 2nd. For neglecting or refusing to conform to the ritual, laws, ceremonies, enactments or resolutions of the Subsidiary High Court. 3rd. For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of dues or levies to the Subsidiary High Court. 4th. For neglecting to hold the regular meeting without proper authority or unforeseen circumstances. 5th. By its membership diminishing so that less than a legal quorum is left.

SEC. 2.—In the event of any Subordinate Court being under suspension from the Order for the period of 18 months through non-compliance with the decision or resolution of an H.C., or of the E.C., or of a Final Arbitration Committee, such Court shall at the expiration of the 18 months be expelled from the Order, and shall not be readmitted until they comply with the said resolutions or decisions.

ARTICLE XIX.

DUTY OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

SEC. 1.—In order to make every officer and delegate responsible to his constituents for the becoming and faithful discharge of their trust, and more readily to check insolent demeanor or to prevent any abuse of power, and remedy any other defect arising from an erroneous choice, where the continuance of an officer in office until the expiration of the term of his election would be adverse to the well-being of his constituents or the Order generally, it is enacted that the assembled S.H.C., E.C., or any Subordinate Court shall have the power of impeaching any of its officers for misdemeanor at any regular or special meeting, and if he or they be found guilty, immediately deposing him or them, or, if unfit for his or their office, may call upon him or them to resign immediately, and upon such request being made and the compliance therewith refused, the S.H.C., E.C., or Subordinate Court may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the time of such refusal, remove such officer or officers from his or their respective office or offices and declare his or their office vacant, and shall as soon thereafter as practicable proceed to the election of another officer or officers to fill such vacant position or positions.

SEC. 2.—No S.H.C.R., D.C.R., or C.R. shall put or suffer to be put to the vote in their respective Courts any motion which can be decided by law, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every offence, without mitigation, to the S.H.C. fund.

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FINES.

SEC. 1.—Any Court, or member of the Order violating any rule for which there is no penalty specified shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and that all fines inflicted for violation of laws shall be paid into the Court by which the fine was inflicted.

SEC. 2.—In the event of any fine inflicted under these laws, or under the rules of a Court, not being paid within four months from the date of such being inflicted, the Court, or member failing to pay within the time specified shall be suspended from all benefits of the Order, until such fine is paid.

ARTICLE XXI.

BUSINESS ON SUNDAYS NOT ALLOWED.

No Court shall be allowed to hold meetings, initiate members, or transact any business whatever connected with the Order on Sunday, except attendance at funerals and Divine service. Any Court violating this law to be fined \$20.00, to be paid to the S.H.C. Fund.

ARTICLE XXII.

NAME OF THE ORDER NOT TO BE USED BY MEMBERS FOR THEIR OWN PECUNIARY BENEFIT.

No member or members shall use the name, emblems or initials of the Order in connection with fetes or any kind of entertainment for their own business or pecuniary benefit. Any member violating this law to be fined not more than \$50.00.

ARTICLE XXIII.

BRINGING AN OFFICER, BROTHER, OR THE ORDER INTO CONTEMPT.

Should a Court, officer, or brother print, publish, or circulate any article, or by any means whatsoever act so as to bring any Court, officer, member (financial or honorary), medical officer of a Court or the Order into contempt, unless a sufficient cause can be shown for so doing, shall, on proof being made thereof, be fined, suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Arbitration Committee, by which the charge may be heard.

ARTICLE XXIV.

PRIVILEGE OF MEMBERS, ETC.

SEC. 1.—Any member or members who voted in the minority against their Court breaking up or seceding from the Order, or against their Court being suspended or expelled for non-compliance with the laws or decision of a S.H.C., District, or Appeal Committee, shall, on satisfactory proof being made thereof, be still recognized as members of the Order; and in the event of their not being able to obtain admission into any other Court by clearance in consequence of ill health or over age, they shall pay their contributions through the medium of a Court in their locality to the E.C. and in case of sickness or death their sick pay and funeral expenses.

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shall be paid from the H. C. sick and funeral fund, or in the event of eight members voting in the minority as above so desiring it, they shall be recognized by the E. C. as the same Court to which they formerly belonged under a new dispensation, bearing the same number which the E. C. shall have power to grant in such cases, and the granting of which renewed dispensation shall thereby abrogate and cancel all powers and authority conveyed in any dispensation which may have been granted bearing the same number.

Sec. 2.—Any member or members having voted in the minority against their Court seceding, &c., and wishing to avail themselves of the above provisions, shall signify the same, within two calendar months to the Executive Council, provided such members reside, for the time being, at the same place in which the Court is held; but if such member or members reside at a distance of over five miles they shall be allowed two calendar months to make their intentions known to the proper officers, who shall be authorized to supply proper clearances, provided by the Executive Council, to members requiring the same.

Sec. 3.—Any member availing himself of the provisions of this law, neglecting to apply within the time specified, as regards notices, &c., shall not be allowed to rejoin in the Order except by the sanction of the S.H.C., and in all cases where a member has voted in the minority against his Court breaking up, and has received his share of the funds, he shall pay over such share of funds into the Court which may receive him, and the majority who may vote for the breaking up of the Court shall be expelled from the Order.

Sec. 4.—No Court that may have seceded, or have been suspended by the Order, and have a member or members contributing to the High Court Fund, shall be reinstated in the Order unless such members are first reinstated in the Court, and except the Court refund to the S.H.C. all the money that may have been paid to such member or members for sick and funeral pay, less the amount of contributions paid by such member or members of the S.H.C. Fund.

Sec. 5.—A separate fund, called the S.H.C. Members Sick and Funeral Fund, shall be established for the purpose named in this law, and every member, with the exception below specified, admitted to the privileges of this law, shall contribute thereto the same rate of contributions that he has been paying into his Court, and in case of sickness or death the same benefits shall be paid to him, or his representative, as promised in his Court rules, provided they do not exceed the amount stated in Art. 13, Sec. 12. Such contributions shall fall due on the first day of each month. The S.H.C. Members Sick and Funeral Fund shall be sustained by the contributions of members contributing to the same.

Sec. 6.—All members of the S.H.C. Fund, who are six months in arrears with their contributions, shall be suspended from benefits, and continue so for three months after their arrears have been paid up, but if the contributions have been paid regularly to the Court the Executive Council may appoint, it shall be considered sufficient to be remitted to the Executive Council at any time they may think proper to call for it. In all cases

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of sickness a note of the Court, with seal affixed, and a medical certificate, stating that the member is sick and unable to follow his employment, shall be forwarded to the Executive Council, such note or certificate to be reported every fourteen days during the time the member may continue ill.

ARTICLE XXV.

COURTS OR SOCIETIES JOINING THE S. H. C.

SEC. 1.—Any Court already in existence may connect itself with the S. H. C., by application to the E. C., upon a form to be supplied therewith. All Courts which shall hereafter be organized within the jurisdiction of the S. H. C. and opened, shall only be so opened by and upon the authority of a dispensation for that purpose, issued by, through and under the S. H. C. or its E. C.

SEC. 2.—Upon application being made for a dispensation to any Court by the founders of a new Court, information shall be given relative to the costs to which they will be liable, nor shall any person or persons become chargeable to a new Court in any way, whose age is beyond the scale laid down, and that two officers be sufficient to open any new Court. The officers to be allowed \$2.00 per day, with travelling expenses, as opening fee, whose expenses shall be paid by the new Court to the E. C. Any Court requiring the attendance of a C. R. or other parties, after opening, shall pay their expenses according to the above scale.

SEC. 3.—No Court shall be permitted to sever its connection with the S. H. C., except by permission of a three-fourths vote of the delegates assembled at any S. H. C. meeting, and pursuant to the laws thereof, and then only upon payment by said Court of all liabilities existing against it upon the books of the S. H. C., and provided further that said Court so desiring to sever its connection with the S. H. C., shall give notice, in writing, of such intention, to the E. C., at least three months prior to the next S. H. C. meeting, and provided furthermore that said Court be in good standing in the Order at the date of the last mentioned meeting.

ARTICLE XXVI.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE S. H. C.

SEC. 1.—All communications to the S. H. C. or the E. C. shall come through Courts which the seal of the Court attached thereto.

SEC. 2.—Communications from any other source in any other form, or from any individual member or members of the Order may not be recognized or replied to, except however as to members of W. C. sick and funeral fund.

ARTICLE XXVII.

WHERE THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE S. H. C. LAWS.

In case any question or subject shall arise in the S. H. C., or in a subordinate Court for the determination of such question or subject there be no provision made by or contained in the S. H. C. or the by-laws of a subordinate Court, resort shall be had to the general laws of the Order if there be any provisions therein contained which will affect the question or subject matter that may be under consideration.

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MAKING KNOWN THE SECRETS OF THE ORDER.

SAC. 1.—During the suspension of a member for the benefits of his Court through non-payment of contributions or non-compliance with any resolution or decision of his Court, the S.H.C., or an Arbitration Committee such member shall not be entitled to admission into his own or any other Court of the Order.

SAC. 2.—Should a brother persuade within six months from the member's proposition a candidate to be initiated into the Order in any other Court than that into which he was first proposed as a member or should a brother persuade another to leave the Court to which he may belong and transfer himself to another Court, shall be fined two dollars for every such offence, and the Court who knowingly receives such a candidate or brother shall be fined ten dollars—the said fines to be paid into the Court that the said candidate or brother has been induced, in consequence of such solicitation to leave.

SAC. 3.—Should a brother make known to any person not duly and legally initiated a member of the Order any of its secrets and most especially the grip, password, signs, countersign or travelling password, he shall be forever be expelled; or should a brother make known to any person not a member any objection made in a Court to the admission of a candidate, or the name of a brother making such objection, he shall pay a fine of ten dollars or be expelled; and should a brother, except the C. R. and Secretary, give the password and countersign to another brother in or out of Court, except to the Senior Beadle at the Portal, or to the Senior or Junior Woodward in the Court by special direction of the Chief Ranger, he shall be fined for every such offence according to the direction of his Court any sum not exceeding three dollars; and should a brother make known any resolution of or discussion used in any meeting of this Order to any person not being a member of the same, he shall be fined five dollars.

SAC. 4.—And brother attending, visiting or holding office in any other Court than that of which he is a member, he shall conform to all its laws, orders, regulations and usages, and should he knowingly violate either or any of the same he shall be taken cognizance of for such misdemeanor and be held amenable to and suffer the same penalty as it may be customary to impose on any brother of such Court guilty of a similar irregularity, and shall not be allowed to speak on any subject without permission of the C. R. or vote of the Court.

SAC. 5.—Such punishment shall only be inflicted upon a brother after a trial had before and a verdict of guilty rendered by the Arbitration Committee of his Court.

ARTICLE XXIX.

JUVENILE BRANCHES.

SAC. 1.—Courts under the jurisdiction of this S. H. C. shall be permitted to organize and establish Juvenile Forester's Societies for the purpose of securing to youths between the ages of five and eighteen years medical attendance, sick pay, a sum at death, and for paying the entrance

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fee for admission into the Order and the Endowment Fund of the Order. These funds shall in no way interfere with and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and in no case shall a Court incur any liability for members of a Juvenile Society.

SEC. 2.—The E. C. shall alone furnish such societies with dispensations, lecture books, and regalia suitable therefor.

SEC. 3.—That each existing juvenile branch, and all juvenile branches hereinafter organized, shall procure from the E. C. a Dispensation, Rituals, and Officer's Cards, and be under the jurisdiction of the S. H. C.

SEC. 4.—All juvenile branches shall have the privilege of granting clearances to juvenile members from one branch to another in Canada, upon a form supplied by the E. C.

ARTICLE XXX.

CONSTRUCTION OF TERMS.

Wherever the word "month" occurs in these laws it shall mean calendar month, but shall not effect Court rules adopting the lunar month, and wherever the word suspended or suspension occurs it shall mean that the persons for the time ceases to have the privilege of membership. The word member shall mean a person contributing to the funds of a Court for sick and funeral allowance, and a word in the singular number shall be applicable to the plural, and a word in the plural also be applicable to the singular. The word wife shall mean one wife only, the word district shall mean territorial district. Travelling expenses to mean railway fare, and hotel expenses to mean \$1.00 per day.

ARTICLE XXXI.

LIMITATION OF DISCRETIONARY FINES.

SEC. 1.—Any Court or member of the Order violating any of its rules for which there is no penalty specified shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00, and all fines inflicted for violation of General Laws shall (except otherwise ordered) be paid into the S.H.C. Fund.

SEC. 2.—The infliction of Fines for the violation of laws does not legalize the act, but the law shall still be carried out as though no fine had been inflicted.

SEC. 3.—In the event of any fine inflicted under these laws, or under the rules of a Court, not being paid within three calendar months from the date of such fine being inflicted, the Court or member failing to pay within the time specified, except otherwise provided, shall be suspended from all benefits of the Order, or Court, until the fine is paid.

SEC. 4.—Any Court may subscribe from the Management or Benevolent Funds thereof to any hospital or infirmary such sum, annually, as may be decided upon at a summoned meeting of the Court, as necessary for the purpose of securing to the members of the Court so contributing the benefits of such hospital or infirmary, according to its rules.

SEC. 5.—Should any Trustee, Treasurer or Secretary of any Court be removed from or resign his office, and refuse or neglect to deliver up, assign

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or transfer any money, property or securities for money which may be in his possession, or under his control, belonging to such Court, upon demand being made by order of the Court, or through their Committee of Management, such Trustee, Treasurer or Secretary shall be expelled from the Order, and shall thereby forfeit all rights and benefits in the branch of which he was a member, without prejudice to any liability to prosecution which he may have incurred.

SEC. 6.—For the purpose of preserving the acknowledged neutrality of the Order in all matters connected with party politics or religious creeds, no Court or members shall take part, as Foresters, in any meeting or gathering, or in any other way, for the advocacy or promotion of political or sectarian religious objects; but this section shall not apply to the customary attendance of members in their capacity as Foresters at any place of worship in connection with anniversary gatherings, or on occasions when such attendance is in aid of some public hospital, infirmary or charity of an unsectarian nature.

ARTICLE XXXII.

CANVASSING PROHIBITED.

No member or Court shall circulate any written or printed documents canvassing for the election of a town or city as the seat of the S. H. C. and E. C. or solicit nominations for the same, and no member shall by canvassing seek to be placed on the Committee of Investigation, neither shall any brother in any Court of the Order, or anywhere else, canvass either for himself or any one else for any office, or solicit a vote. Any Court or member acting contrary to this law shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, be disqualified.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

ALTERATION OF LAWS.

No addition, alteration or amendment to these laws shall be made unless presented at a regular Subsidiary High Court meeting. Notice of such addition, alteration or amendment must be forwarded to the H. C. S. not later than the 30th of May of each year. Such notice must bear the Court Seal and be attested by the signature of the C. R. and Secretary, and must have been approved at a summoned meeting of the Court.

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ENDOWMENT FUND.

PREAMBLE.

The establishment of a Mutual Relief or Endowment Fund being a recognized principle in Forestry, it is deemed essential for the protection and support of the widows and orphans of deceased foresters, that such a fund be created, to be known as "THE A. O. F. ENDOWMENT FUND." It is to be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the S.H.C., to be managed and controlled by Board of Directors, consisting of five members, to be elected at each S.H.C. meeting; no member shall be eligible on the Board who is not a member of the Endowment Fund.

SEC. 1.—The membership of this fund shall consist of members of the A.O.F., who are in good standing in some Subordinate Court in the Dominion of Canada, and members of foreign Courts residing within the jurisdiction of the S.H.C., and not less than 18 or more than 45 years of age. A member shall be considered in good standing in his Court as soon as his initiation fee is paid, and so long as he is not in arrears to the Court to which he belongs for a period exceeding six months.

SEC. 2.—Every member applying for admission to this fund must do so through the agent or Secretary of his Court, or in the case of a member of a foreign Court, through the Court most convenient, on a blank form supplied for that purpose, and produce a medical certificate of good health from the Surgeon of his Court, or some other regularly qualified physician, both of which shall be forwarded to the Board Secretary, together with an entrance fee of \$2 00.

Honorary members shall be admitted upon the same terms as financial members. If the application is passed by the Surgeon, the applicant shall be supplied with a certificate of membership. If rejected the entrance fee shall be returned.

SEC. 3.—The capital of this fund shall be derived from admission fees, monthly payments and accumulated interests thereon.

SEC. 4.—The following table of rates shall be adopted for the creation and maintenance of this fund, to become due in advance :—

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TABLE OF MONTHLY RATES FOR DEATH BENEFITS.

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37	"	38	0 28	0 54	0 72	0 88
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40	"	41	0 31	0 57	0 75	0 91
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SEC. 5.—All monies received for and on behalf of this fund shall be deposited in such bank or banks as may be selected by the Board of Directors, in the name of the A. O. F. Endowment Fund, and no payments shall be made for anything not directly connected with this fund. All drafts and cheques must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and impressed with the seal of this fund. A copy of this section, together with the signatures of the aforementioned officers, and an impression of such seal shall be delivered by the Board to each bank or banks in which such funds are deposited. And that so much of this fund as may not be required the probable accruing liabilities under the laws of this fund shall be invested by the Trustees in such only of the following ways as the S.H.C. meeting may direct, viz: In the Post Office Savings Bank, in Government or Municipal Debentures, or other Government Securities, and in regular chartered banks.

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SEC. 6.—The benefits to be paid by this fund shall be paid by cheque or draft, payable to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the same and be forwarded through the court Secretary.

SEC. 7.—All remittances to this fund shall be sent by post office order, registered letter, or through an express company to the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 8.—The Secretary shall keep full, complete and accurate books of account in connection with this fund, conduct the correspondence, issue all notices, and return sheets and generally perform all the duties appertaining to his office, and he shall give security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of \$2,000.00 and for his services he shall receive the sum of fifty cents per annum for every member of the Fund good on the books at the end of the year. He shall also notify court secretaries of members three months in arrears in their respective courts.

SEC. 9.—The Board shall at their first meeting appoint one of their number as Treasurer, who shall deposit all monies received by him within 24 hours, as per Sec 5 of this article, and shall also give security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of \$2,000.00; and for his services he shall receive the sum of ten dollars per annum.

SEC. 10.—The books and accounts of this fund shall be audited by the S.H.C. Auditors at the annual audit of the S.H.C. accounts.

SEC. 11.—Every member of this fund who shall change his place of residence, shall notify the Secretary of his court within one month, and any failure to comply with this requirement shall be at the risk of the member.

SEC. 12.—In each annual report the Board shall give the number of members who have joined this fund during the past year, also the names of the members who have died, or have been suspended.

SEC. 13.—It shall be incumbent upon the E.C. to enforce a strict compliance by courts, officers and members with the provisions of this Article.

SEC. 14.—Members shall nominate and designate, in writing, the person or persons to whom they wish the amount of the certificate paid, and shall have the right at any time to revoke the same. Such nomination and designation to be witnessed by two persons, who shall be members of the Order, and the seal of the Court attached, the same to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Secretary of the Board, who shall cause the same to be entered in a book provided for that purpose, and the original document to be filed. In a case a member wishes to revoke his former designation, as to whom the money shall be paid, a new certificate shall be issued on payment of 25 cents.

SEC. 15.—Upon the death of a member of this fund the person or persons entitled to receive the benefits shall make out a death report and produce a certificate of death and burial to the Secretary of the court to which deceased member belonged, which application and certificate shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, who will lay the same before the Board, and if found correct, shall issue a draft for payment of the same, the said draft to be drawn in favor of the persons legally entitled to receive the same, provided always that the board shall have forty days after proof of death in which to settle the claim.

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SEC. 16.—Any member in arrears for four months dues to this fund shall be suspended from the benefits of this fund, and shall only be reinstated upon producing a medical certificate, and upon payment of all assessments due by him at the date of his suspension and that may have accrued up to the time of his reinstatement. The Secretary of the court shall notify each member in arrears at least two weeks previous to the expiration of the four months. No member shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund after being expelled from the Order.

SEC. 17.—Any member who shall in his declaration and at the time of his admission as a member, knowingly make any false statement as to his health, age, or condition, or conceal any disease or bodily infirmity tending to shorten life, shall forfeit all claim to and benefit in this fund, and his certificate of membership shall be cancelled.

SEC. 18.—The Secretary of each court shall be supplied by the Board with all necessary blanks for compliance with the terms of this fund, in accordance with these laws, free of costs to said courts.

SEC. 19.—Any Secretary failing to comply with the forms and requirements and his duties, as laid down in these laws, shall be fined the sum of one dollar, to be paid into this fund.

SEC. 20.—Each court shall cause to be kept by its Secretary a separate account of membership in such court of this fund, such account shall contain all necessary information connected therewith, particularly the name, age, occupation and residence of each member, and whether married or single. The Secretary to receive for his services the sum of ten cents per annum per member, for every member of his court belonging to the fund.

SEC. 21.—Any member whose original certificate shall become torn, lost, or destroyed, on producing satisfactory evidence thereof, shall be supplied with a duplicate on payment of 25 cents.

SEC. 22.—In case of a death occurring before sufficient money has accumulated to pay the amount of the claim, the beneficiary shall receive only the aggregate of three months' assessment for the total membership, for the benefit he has paid in for, taking the average at the age of 45 years. If sufficient money is not on hand, the Society claim the privilege of an extension of time beyond the forty days mentioned in Sec. 15.

SEC. 23.—Any member of this fund who may have taken a beneficiary certificate for \$250, \$500, or \$750, and wishing to increase that amount shall be permitted to do so, provided the first and second certificates shall not amount together to more than \$1,000; the applicant shall be required to pass a second Medical Examination, and be charged for such increased amount; the rate according to his age at the time of making the second application, and that a fee of one dollar be charged to cover the expense of the second application.

SEC. 24.—Each Court shall appoint one of its members to canvass the other members to join this fund, and for every member he obtains and passes he shall receive the sum of one dollar, to be paid from this fund.

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